

AGENDA: State Collaborative for System of Care

CHAIRPERSONS: Joel Rosch and Pat Solomon

LOCATION: Child Advocacy Institute

DATE: March 12, 2004

START TIME: 8:30a .m.

END TIME: 10:30 a.m.

NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT
Alicia Graham, DMHDDSAS	X				
Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I		Jane Volland, GAL		Michael Owens, NCCCP	X
Austin Connors, CFSA-NC	X	Jennifer Mahan, MHANC		Michael Schweitzer, DJJDP	
Kathy Klutz, WCH		Jennifer Sullivan, NASW		Michelle Zechmann, GCC	
Brad Trotter, DHOH-DMH		Judy Ritchie, MHA		Pat Solomon, NC Families United Co Chair	X
Carol Duncan-Clayton, CCP		Joann Haggerty, NC CAI	X	Peggy Balak, DMHDDSAS	
Carol Robertson, DMA		Joel Rosch, CCFP CO-Chair	X	Dr. Richard Vinsingardi Director Div. MHDDSAS	
Carol Tant, WCHS		John Hayes NC Families United		Sally Cameron, NCPA	
Charlotte Craver, Value Options		John Tote, MHA		Sandra Sink, DSS	X
Cyndie Bennett, Office of Education Services		Kirstin Frescoln, AOC	X		
Cheryl Waller, CSHS		Lana Dial, AOC			
Deborah Carroll, DPH		Larry Hayes		Susan Eller, School Psychology Association	X
Debra McHenry, DPI	X	Laura Thomas, CAI intern	X		
Diann Irwin, DPI	X			Susan Robinson, DMH-CF	
Don Willis, MHDDSAS		Linda Swann, NAMI			
Donn Hargrove, DJJDP		Marie Britt, DMA	X	Susan Whitten, DJJDP	
Earl Marett, DSS		Martha Lowrance, YA&I	X	Tina Howard, GCC	
Flo Stein, DMHDDSAS		Martin Pharr, DJJDP		Tracy Holloway	
Jan Ferdon, Parent Advocate		Mike Lancaster, Value Options		Virginia Pirelli, DJJDP	X
Jan Hood, AOC				Value Options Rep.	X
TOPIC	DISCUSSION/FINDINGS			ACTION by Whom and When	
(1) Welcome & Introductions Pat and Joel	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alicia Graham announced that she would be representing DMHDDSSAS at the Friday meetings.Michael Mosely will be replacing Rich Visingardi as Director of DMHDDSAS.				
(2) Review Minutes note taker chosen Pat and Joel				<ul style="list-style-type: none">January 23 notes were approved.Kirstin Frescoln agreed to take notes for the March meetings.	
(3) Legislative Meetings Martha Lowrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">House Interim Comm. On Providing Appropriate Education for Students on Long-Term Suspension Staff and Co-chairs developed 19 possible recommendations to amend the statute.			<ul style="list-style-type: none">Review attached recommendations and rank order top ten. Return by Monday, 3/22 to Martha.lowrance@ncmail.net	

	<p>Members noted that Special Education students continue to be the highest proportion of long-term suspended children but that this population is not informing committee decisions.</p> <p>Other discussion noted that although the concept of “money follows the child” is good and logical, it is impractical because of the way money comes to the schools and must be spent. Each year, school districts receive approx. \$4,000/pupil. This money is spent to hire teachers, purchase books and supplies, therefore it is already spent and cannot “follow” the child.</p> <p>Other states provide a pool of funds that can be accessed throughout the year to serve high-risk, out-of-main-stream students. Should consider federal At-risk student and/or Safe and Drug-Free Schools funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Interim Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect <p>Committee is reviewing abuse and neglect definitions with consideration of moving away from focusing on substantiation and moving towards “child well-being” measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Children and Youth Subcommittee is looking at three issues: obesity, tobacco use, and trafficking in children (this seems to be happening particularly along I 95) 	
<p>(4) CAI Publication of 2001 – 2002 County Indicators of Abuse and Neglect Joann Haggerty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Advocacy Institute has published 2001 – 2002 County Indicators of Abuse and Neglect. Includes only statistics, no interpretation of the data. Includes race and number of “screened out calls.” <p>Led to a discussion of why calls are screened out. Calls are most often screened because they don’t meet legal definitions of abuse and neglect, (i.e. filthy house where everyone is over 15 yoa, problems with a non-care taking adult, etc.).</p> <p>Raised the question of how many cases are called into CPS and substantiated solely to obtain resources for a child/family (resources not available unless CPS/DSS become involved).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joann Haggerty will chair a subcommittee that will review CPS data against services/ resources databases such as the JCPC database of community resources. Contact Joann Haggerty joann@ncchild.org 919/834-6623 ext. 233
<p>(5) Positive Behavioral Support – Six Year Plan Diann Irwin</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive Behavioral Support is an environmental approach that trains schools to teach and reinforce positive behavior for children and then respond in a strengths-based manner to maintain kids in school. PBS also brings resources such as mental health workers into the school setting. <p>Plan to train approximately 60 teams this year. All teams must include a potential future trainer.</p> <p>PBS concepts could be expanded for use in group homes, residential facilities and Youth Development Centers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Six Year Plan and provide feedback to Diann Irwin 919/807-3298 dirwin@dpi.state.nc.us • Alicia Graham will check to find out if non-UCR funds can be used to support involvement in PBS. • Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office has provided a list of potential funders that might be interested in helping schools provide incentives for good student behavior. (see attached)
<p>(6) Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NC Council has a CD available for \$20 that includes PowerPoint presentations, voiceovers and handouts from a full day presentation about DMHDDSAS reform. • Questions were raised about when NC service definitions would be sent to Washington, D.C. for review. • DSS Grant to Enhance System of Care Sandra Sink updated group on DSS grant that will work with Alamance, Bladen and Mecklenburg Counties to support/develop SOC. Grant is for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Michael Owen if you would like to purchase a copy. Michael@nc-council.org 919/327-1500 • Marie Britt will check on anticipated dates and report back. • David Atkinson can be reached at David.Atkinson@ncmail.net 919/733-2873 • Read and be prepared to discuss

	<p>\$500,000 over 5 years. David Atkinson is the Project Director. The national evaluators, Caliber Associates will attend the 3/26/04 State Collaborative meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAI is developing two different reports looking at the Impact of Child Mental Health on Children and Families in NC and Characterizing the Need for Residential Treatment Facilities for Children affected by mh/dd/sa. 	<p>and develop action steps to achieve State Collaborative goals outlined in the grant. (attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the attached CAI Reports on Children and respond no later than 3/29/04 to Laura Thomas 919/960-4894 laura_thomas@med.unc.edu
(7)Announcements and Updates	<p>Sandra Sink announced that she has resigned from DSS, Children's Services to take a position as Assistant Director of the Children's Developmental Services Agency (formerly DEC) in Wilmington, a branch of Early Intervention Services of the Division of Public Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackie Sheppard is pulling together people/groups across DHHS who work with children in a sort of "ad hoc" Division of Children's Services • The Division of Public Health received a grant that will pull together folks from across agencies/services that serve children ages 0 – 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to attend the 3/26/04 State Collaborative meeting to bid Sandra farewell. • Jackie Sheppard, DHHS Asst. Secretary for Long-Term Care and Family Services 919/733-4534 Jackie.Sheppard@ncmail.net • Contact Deborah Nelson for more information 919/715-3424 Deborah.nelson@ncmail.net
(8) Agenda for next week Agenda items and who will contact them	<p>REMINDER! March 26, 2002 large collaborative will meet at the Crime Commission. Starts 9:00 a.m. and ends at 11:00 a.m.</p>	

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